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## Independence Day Celebration July 3<sup>rd</sup> And 4<sup>th</sup>

### FRIDAY JULY 3, 2009

Bradford Area Community Center

5-7:00 P.M. Bradford Parks & Recreation Annual Beef Roast Dinner.

Music to follow.

### SATURDAY JULY 4, 2009

7:00 –10:00 AM Mason’s Breakfast (St. Peters Lodge)

7:15 Road Race Registration (Town Hall)

8:00 AM-2:00 PM Brown Memorial Library Book Sale

9:00 Road Race begins (Town Hall)

9:00 Red Cross Blood Drive (BACC)

10:00 Cow Flop Bingo on the Lake Sunapee Bank lawn

10:00 AM – 2:00PM Open House at new Highway Garage

### First Baptist Church of Bradford Summer Fair

8:00 Coffee and Baked Goods

8:00-2:00 Dessert Cafe in vestry

8:00 Vendor Booths Open

9:00 Kids Fun Run registration

9-11:00 Children’s Activities Booth

10-2:00 Luncheon Booth

10:30 Fun Run Road Race for children

11:00 Andrew’s Circle of Fun

PLUS: Huge White Elephant & Barn Sale

Handmade Quilt Raffle

### Afternoon Activities

1:00 Line up for the BIDC Parade (*Old Warner Rd. & Post Office*)

1:00 Judging for the Parade Entries

2:00 **Parade Begins** Rt. 114 and Main St. ends at the Appleseed Restaurant on High St.

5:00 Midway opens at Brown Shattuck Field

Chicken Barbecue, *Proceeds to Bradford Historical Society*

Popcorn from *Bradford Parks & Recreation Department*

Ice Cream from *Girl Scouts*

Other Vendors for your enjoyment

5:30 Bradford Country Squares under the tent

7:00 Music under the tent with *The Bradford Boys*

9:30 **FIRE WORKS** Bradford Area Community Center

## 10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month we celebrate the selection of Harriet Douglas and Marion Hall as Grand Marshals of the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 parade. Each year noteworthy citizens of Bradford are chosen for this honor and Harriet and Marion have lived, volunteered their time, and generally been an important part of this town for many years. The selection of the Grand Marshal is done by the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee which includes members Marlene Freyler, Jane Lucas, and Beth von Behren. Marlene explained how they choose each year. "We select people who have served on committees, done a lot for the town, and have been long time residents. We just don't say you're it. A few people over the years have said no."

### Q. You have been friends for a long time. How did you meet and how many years has it been?

Harriet: We've been friends since 1948. I don't remember anything special. I worked for Dr. Anne Wasson in town then and we probably met at the IGA, Dodge's or the post office 61 years ago. People knew each other then. It was a small town and we all went to the same places.

## Lettvin Chamber Music Series

By Phyllis Wilcox

Once again the Bradford hills will be alive with the sound of classical music on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bradford Center Meeting House. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> time the concert has been presented to the music-loving public. The early concerts were held at the Bradford Baptist Church on Main Street but in year 2000 the venue was moved to the Meeting House and has been performing there with ever-expanding audiences.

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*Mon-Weds-Thurs:* 7:30 am -12 noon  
 1 pm - 5 pm

*Tuesday* 7:30 am -12 noon  
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Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm

## Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Office Hours

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*Monday:* noon - 7 pm

*Tuesday:* 7 am -11:30 am  
 12:30 pm - 5 pm

## Circuit Rider

*Wednesday* - call 938-2253 for appointment

**Friday: all offices closed**

## From The Editor

There have been so many rainy, cloudy days, that we began to wonder if summer really would arrive this year. Finally as June comes to its end, there have been some periods of sun and blue sky. Only for the morning before another shower swept through, but it was a welcome change! We can only hope the weather moves toward summer in time for the big celebration on the Fourth of July.

Bradford's celebration this year is on the actual 4<sup>th</sup> for the first time in several years. Marlene Freyler and her committee have worked since last year planning, arranging, and organizing the event for all of us to enjoy.

There are other positive signs that groups are working together to improve our town. The Farmers' Market is once again open each Thursday at the Community Center. For that to be successful takes effort from the Community Center, the vendors who display their wares each week, and shoppers who take advantage of the local produce and crafts that are offered. This year the First Baptist Church and the Bradford Improvement Association (BIA) are sharing a table on the third Thursday of each month as a way to pool resources and extend the time of the volunteers.

The BIA and the Bradford Business Association are also sharing in maintenance of the lovely flower barrels placed at the Town Hall, Brown-Shattuck Field, Lafayette Square and the Candlelite Inn.

Many individuals and groups are involved in preparing a grant to improve and extend sidewalks in town. Town Administrator Cheryl Behr, with support from the Board of Selectmen, is spearheading this effort assisted by Jane Johnsen and others from the BIA. This is looked at as a long-term project of 6 – 8 years or more, but will result in improving the appearance, walk-ability and safety of Main Street and encouraging commercial development in the area. This will benefit the entire town by expanding the tax base and bringing more shoppers to Bradford's "Downtown."

A real sense of optimism and co-operation has been very apparent at meetings held over the past few weeks. I urge everyone to tune in, listen, offer your comments, and be prepared to participate – at the public hearing prior to and then at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for early September to address the sidewalk proposal. There will be many opportunities to be part of this exciting project and contribute to improving our town.

Marcia Keller

July Editor

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## Bradford Happenings

### Bradford Area Community Center News

Swimming Lessons: Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee announces this summer's Red Cross Swim Program. They will be held the weeks of July 20 and 27 at French's Park on Lake Massasecum during the hours of 1:30 PM through 4:30 PM. The Red Cross instructor this year is Chelsea Barrett.

Class size is limited. Early registration is recommended. Class placement will be determined by the instructor based on the ability of the swimmer. The charge is \$35 for the two weeks (\$15 for additional members of the same family).

Registration forms are available at the Bradford Post Office, Town Hall, Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Area Community Center. Completed forms should be left at the Bradford Area Community Center or mailed to Kate Dobrowski, PO Box 276, Bradford, NH, no later than July 15, 2009

Summer Entertainment Game night is planned for July 10 from 4 to 6:30 PM for children, adults – all ages will be welcome. Board games will be available but there will also be ping pong with some tournament activity; pool, basketball, wiffle ball, badminton, tennis, chess and scrabble. Every one is welcome. Game night will be repeated August 7, September 11 and October 9.

Movie night is planned for Thursdays beginning July 23 from 4 to 7:30 PM Little Rascals, Jungle Book, Toy Story are some of the G – G13 rated movies to be shown. Again, every one is welcome – all ages – and are encouraged to bring one of their own movies to show.

Popcorn and drinks will be available.

There is no charge for participation in these programs but donations from the community will be welcome to support this type of activity. For more information or to offer other suggestions for this program, please contact Kate Dobrowski at the Center office 938-6228

**Bradford Historical Society** "Memories of Massasecum" will be the July meeting of the Historical Society at Barbara and Tom Francis' cottage, Wednesday, July 22nd 7:00 p.m., off Lake Massasecum Road. Call 938-5386 for directions.

**Bradford Women's Club** The recipient of the \$1000 Bradford Women's Club Scholarship is Alexandria Fouliard from Bradford. Alexandria will attend school at the College Of The Atlantic in Maine. We had many worthy applicants this year and would like to thank them all for their wonderful essays and enthusiasm. Our BWC Annual Dinner was a big success. It is always

heartwarming to see all these wonderful women who have contributed so much of their time and efforts to help others. Attending this year was a very special member, Mrs. Lillian Frey, a founding member of the BWC and 96 years young. Except for the hard working Executive Committee, the BWC will be off for the summer. We start back up in September with our Red Hat Tea. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Jackye Pehrson at 938-5951. ENJOY THE SUMMER!

### Country Squares

On Saurday, July 18, the Bradford Country Squares will be dancing at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Old Warner Road, Bradford, NH. Rounds will be exclusively danced from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. with the Mainstream and Plus program following from 7:30 - 10:00 pm p.m. The dress is casual. Bob Butler will be the caller and Birgit Maguire the cuer. Admission for the whole dance is \$7 per person. Spectators are free and always welcome. For more information call 603-863-6394.

### Bradford Conservation Commission News

Three events to watch for this year:



The Conservation Commission, as part of the process of updating the town's Natural Resource Inventory, will be mailing a brief survey to all landowners to assess the current condition and uses of the town's soils, waters, wildlife, forestry, and agriculture. Please help make this report as accurate as possible by your participation.

Save the date - October 15th at 7 pm at the Town Hall for the public unveiling of the draft report and maps of the updated Inventory. Your input invited!

Save the date – September 25th Chris Schadler, wild canid ecologist, will give a presentation on the eastern coyote. Topics include: How coyotes use the landscape and interact with humans and the question "Do we really want wildness in New England"?



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## Bradford Business Association

The Bradford Business Association held its Annual Meeting at the Candlelite Inn on Sunday, May 17th. At the meeting, several timely topics were discussed and Jane Johnsen and Sandy Richard of the Bradford Improvement Association were welcomed as invited guests. We all pledged to communicate often and work together in the interest of the town throughout the year ahead. The membership would like to thank Marilyn Gordon as outgoing President and for her years of service and Les, too, for allowing us to meet at their lovely establishment. Membership forms have been mailed out and are due back by the end of June. If you are a business in town or offer a service and wish to become a member, please contact any of one of us for an application. We will be publishing a new brochure in the fall and our website is up and running as a link on the town's site.

The 2009-2010 Slate of Officers is as follows:

*President* - Laura Hallahan, Tall Pines Realty

*Vice President* - Woody Pringle, Bradford Bog People

*Treasurer* - Bob Stewart, Sr., Stewart Agency Realtors

*Secretary* - Dawn Rich

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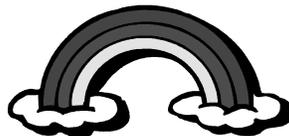
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## Plans Presented to Apply for Sidewalk Grant

Selectman Jack Meaney convened a meeting on Friday June 12 to begin discussion of applying for grants to assist with repairing or building sidewalks in Bradford. Present were Stephen A. Heavener, Executive Director of Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC), and Rodrigo J. Marion, Principal Planner from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC).

Town Administrator Cheryl Behr gave a synopsis of previous planning for sidewalks, beginning in the early 1970's. The most recent attempt was in 2006 when a Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant was applied for. The available funds were not sufficient to cover all of the applications received. Each year, the plan has been refined and this year, after speaking with CRDC, alternative methods of financing the project have been proposed.

Mr. Heavener outlined one possibility: that of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District that could help to fund the project by setting aside taxes from incremental assessment increases to pay off bonds without a tax increase

Mr. Marion outlined the Transportation Enhancement Program process that includes a "Letter of Intent" by July 2, 2009, which would outline the need, previous history of sidewalks and improvements and which should include letters of support from a variety of groups and businesses. The grant application is due September 15, 2009.

Another component could include the Safe Route to School (SRTS) program, a 100% federally funded effort to involve the community in encouraging students to walk or bike to school. School Board Representative Andrew Pinard has talked with the elementary school principle as to the school's possible involvement. It was suggested that designing the entire project at this time might be wise, but then to phase the actual construction.

The 35 residents in attendance listened and asked questions and many voiced support.. A second public information meeting was held on June 26 with further suggestions for funding, phasing of the project, and alternate construction approaches. The Planning Board will be asked to help design the TIF District.

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**Lettvin - continued**

This year the Friday night concert will feature The Kramer Duo with special guest Michael Heald playing the music of Hurlstone, Faure and Pizzetti. On Saturday Cynthia Raim and David Allen Wehr will play piano duets of Faure, Rachmaninoff, Schubert and Bizet.

The ambiance of the 1838 Meetinghouse with its recently restored stencils and perfect acoustics lend an air of enchantment to the performance of these excellent musicians. Refreshments will be available during

intermission, at which time one can imagine an earlier time when classical music was available and appreciated by large audiences everywhere. This would also be a good opportunity to visit the nearby 1797 Schoolhouse.

The concerts have steadily drawn larger audiences with music lovers traveling from other states and even from other countries. Recently an airline pilot inquired about the dates this year to arrange his flying schedule and attend the performances.

The concerts honor the memory of Theodore Lettvin, world renowned pianist, teacher and performer who died in 2003 leaving a legacy of classical piano performances which are remembered by many who attended the early concerts. Joan Lettvin conceived the idea of the



*Old Home Day at the Meetinghouse in 1953*

music series and has been spearheading the event with the help of dedicated volunteers.

Tickets will be available at the Meeting House door on concert nights. Tickets for adults are \$15 and \$5 for children under 12. Information and direction to the Meeting House will be available by phoning 938-5373... Come and join the players and enjoy a wonderful evening of unforgettable music on one or both evenings.

### Lake Todd Village District Program

The Lake Todd Village District will be having a presentation concerning plants and vegetation which are appropriate and ecologically friendly to our local lakes and streams. The presenter will be Richard Wright, master gardener, at the Bradford Area Community Center on July 14th, Tuesday evening, 7:00PM. We welcome all, both those living on your lake and anyone who may have an interest.

We will have more detailed information shortly and will forward it to you, but should you have any question please call John Warren 938 - 2960



Deadline for Bridge submissions is July 15. Items submitted later may not be printed. Please submit to [bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com).

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On June 09, 2009 thirty-eight students from the fifth grade at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School (KRES) successfully completed and graduated from the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The 10-week long curriculum started on March with Dare certified Officer Edward Shaughnessy of the Bradford Police Department as instructor.

The D.A.R.E. program can play a major role in a child's life. Kids today grow up in a very complex and confusing world. Through music, movies, television, and, most of all, peers, kid are exposed to drugs, alcohol and tobacco at a very early age. D.A.R.E. teaches our children not just to refuse drugs, but how to do it. The D.A.R.E. program gives our children the tools they need to resist drugs and make correct, healthy choices with separate lessons for each grade level geared toward the student's age and maturity. A trained police officer is sent into the classroom to teach students different ways to avoid using drugs and alcohol. These are our kids, from our community, and we want their futures to be bright, healthy, safe and secure.

During the course, lessons were taught on the health effects of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, peer pressure (good and bad), ways to avoid risky situations, ways to get out of bad situations, and advertisements. Part of the lesson plan was for students to create a D.A.R.E report, which in the form of an essay, shadow box or poster, was to explain what the students learned in D.A.R.E. and why it was important to them. Three winners were chosen from each class, Mrs. Perkins' and Mrs. Lee's.

Officer Shaughnessy and the Bradford Police Department would like to thank Principal Spadaro, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Perkins for allowing time in their lesson plans for the D.A.R.E. program. They would also like to thank all the members of St. Peters Masonic Lodge #31 in Bradford for hosting the D.A.R.E. breakfast on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The breakfast raised funds that will aid in the continuation of the D.A.R.E. program, not only in Bradford, but also in Warner, Sutton, New London, Wilmot and Springfield.



left to right: 1<sup>st</sup> place winners Jessica Baldasaro and David "DJ" Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners Samantha Dow and Kaileigh Davis and third place winners Dawson Curry and Devin Taves.



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## Area Events

### Warner

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### Newbury

The South Newbury Union Church is hosting a Fabulous Chicken Barbeque (Thomas Family Famous Recipe) July 18th from 5-7 pm... rain or shine at the Friendship House, corner of Village and Sutton Roads. The Friendship House is Handicap Accessible. \$10 per person while they last! Tickets for a great raffle and Chinese auction will be available. Drawing will be at the Summer Fair on Aug 8th (you do not have to be present to win) Take out available, more info call 938-2064

The South Newbury Union Church is having its 19th Annual Summer Church Fair on August 8th from 9-2...at the Friendship House (corner of Village and Sutton roads) Something for everyone...NEW THIS YEAR...Contest for the best chocolate chip cookie in town!!

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### Henniker

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adults who enjoy learning for its own pleasure. Visit [www.nec.edu](http://www.nec.edu), click on "Academics" and follow the LINEC links or call 746-6212 for membership information. The following courses will be offered in July:

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The Nature of Tragedy (Oedipus Rex and Death of a Salesman) — July 7, 9, 14, 16

Current Issues — July 7 & 21 and Aug 11

More Food Issues (Healthy eating in hard times) — July 8, 15, 22 & 29

Armchair Travelers (India, New Zealand and Spain) — July 10, 17, 24

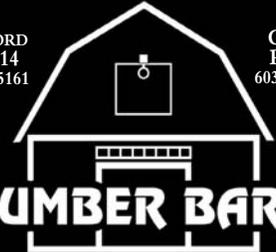
The Now or Never Reading Group (Two Chekhov plays) — July 23 and 30

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The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's July/August hike schedule offers perspectives on local landscapes. All hikes are free to the public. Please contact the leader a day before to get details on start time and location. Bring water, sun screen, hat, and a snack. (E) - Easy. (M) - Moderate. (D) - Difficult.

July 4 (Sat): Climb Bog Mountain in Wilnot. Views of area peaks. Call Brian Faughnan, 526-7838. 3 mi. (M)

July 11 (Sat): A slower morning hike in Andover along the Northern Rail Trail, ending at Potter Place. Call Ralph Spofford, 526-6568. 3 mi. (E)

July 18 (Sat): Climb Ragged Mountain Fish & Game trails in Andover to the ridge line for views and woodlands. Call Wayne Nicoll, 735-5721.

July 25 (Sat): A lakeside amble in New London on Little Sunapee Forest Associates land. Call Ralph Spofford, 526-6568. 2 mi. (E)

August 1 (Sat.) Gile Forest Loop: From Great Brook in New London, hike to Morgan Pond, then on to Morgan Hill. Andy Hager, 526-2846. 8 miles (M)

### Friends of Brown Memorial Library

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring the free 2009 summer reading program for children grades K thru 4. "Summertime and the Reading Is Easy" begins Saturday, July 11 at 11 am in the library and continues on Saturdays July 18, 24, and August 1. The year's program, coordinated by Lyn Betz, features reading selections, integrated art activities, prizes, reading certificates, and summer snacks. Coupons for ice cream cones will be donated by Pizza Chef again this year. Volunteers include: Penny Ulrich, Debby Andersson, Sharon Kenrick, Bea Howe, and Audrey Sylvester. For more information, call Librarian Meg Fearnley at 938-5562.

New canvas book bags, sponsored by the Friends, are available in the library. All proceeds from sale of the bags will benefit the Library. The green and beige bags (in children's & adult's sizes) feature a design donated to the library by Susie Janicki of SmartWoman publications.

The Bradford Art Group's new exhibit, "Quilts by Mary Derry," opens on Monday, July 6 and continues thru September in Brown Memorial Library. Before she took up quilting, Mary Derry was a registered nurse for more than 35 years. She left nursing to make quilting her profession. She opened a shop, "My Favorite Quilt Shop" in Gainesville, Florida. After she sold the shop in 2004, she started the research and practice required by the National Quilting Society to receive their certification as a professional quilt judge. In 2007, Mary relocated to New Hampshire where she has enjoyed meeting and working with other quilters in the area.

**Mary will give a quilting demonstration on Sunday, July 12 from 11 am to 1 pm in Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH.**





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**10 Questions - cont'd from page 1**

**Q. You have both been selected to be Grand Marshals at this year's parade. Did you have any idea that this was going to happen? Why do you think you were chosen?**

*Marion:* Marlene Freyler phoned late at night. I was really surprised. I didn't know what to answer but when I heard that Harriet was also chosen I just figured that I would do it if she would consent.

*Harriet:* I thought the same thing. It is an honor to be chosen but at the same time I was thinking that they were desperate.

**Q. You are both important people in the community and have devoted years to volunteer work. Why have you both been involved and do you have any suggestions for getting people to become more active in giving their time to volunteer efforts?**

*Marion:* I like doing things. We are both on the Bridge board. We volunteer at the Senior Center and Harriet is very involved with the church. I also work for the Eastern Star.

*Harriet:* This is my town. I care about it. Young people have so many things to do with working, caring for their children and they probably don't have the time for anything other than daily life.

**Q. Harriet, you were Bradford Postmaster. What was that like? Was it unusual for a woman to be chosen for the position?**

*Harriet:* It was wonderful and it was terrible. I was postmaster from 1984 to 1990. Prior to that I worked 17 years when Vernon Hall was in charge. When you're the postmaster, all the problems are yours. It's a good job but it has many headaches. I enjoyed working with the public but the

regulations are not easy. It's not unusual now for a woman to be postmaster. Bradford had a woman in charge years ago but I can't recall her name. The job used to be handed down. It was political.

**Q: A follow-up question for you Harriet. What skills does one need to be a small town postmaster? Did you experience problems with people who came into the office with problems or were under stress due to life situations?**

*Harriet:* You need patience and financial skills. You have to be friendly but in charge. You also have to balance the needs of the



customers with the employees.

*Marion:* When my husband Vern was postmaster you had to have some knowledge of bookkeeping. Inspectors would arrive unannounced to check up. There was never any warning when they would arrive. Now the books are computerized.

**Q. You've both been volunteers for the Bridge for years and continue to be active. How do you think the paper has changed?**

*Marion:* I pick up the Bridge in Warner and bring it back to the house. Then Harriet and I count and sort the papers into bundles and do the mailing. We enjoy working together and have a good system. I think that the Bridge

looks good with the Rodds working on the layout. All the former editors have been good.

*Harriet:* Life styles change. Everything changes. This is a transient time; people move in and out of town. I think the Bridge serves a purpose and tries to inform people but it hasn't changed much over the years.

**Q. Marion would you tell me about your working life? I understand that you have done many things and worked in many places.**

*Marion:* I guess that I've handled money all my life. I was a bookkeeper at Merrimack Farms in Concord. I love numbers. I worked for Sugar River Bank in Warner for 13 plus years. I also worked in other Merrimack Farms stores in New Hampshire.

**Q. Were you born in Bradford? You must have seen many changes over the years. Would you like to tell me about that?**

*Marion:* I was born in Warner and Harriet was born in Belmont, Massachusetts. We both attended Simonds High School in Warner.

*Harriet:* When I moved into town there were 600 people living here. There were four stores: the IGA, Carr's Store, The Red Front (a convenience store), and Dodge's. We had quite a few gas stations. The original post office was on Main Street next to the IGA. We had the train station and the Vermont bus stopped in town to pick up passengers. People shopped in town and few people had cars. We had a telephone switchboard in town and party lines. It was a different time.

**Q. You have attended many town meetings. What do you see as the biggest changes or are they much the same?**

*Harriet:* They used to be held in the

daytime at the town hall on the same day as the voting. The meeting time was changed to evening so that working people could attend.

*Marion:* The meetings changed after the regional school district was formed. The townspeople didn't have as much say as they did before the change.

**Q. Do you both feel that you've had a good life? As you look back over times past are there things that you might have changed? What vision do you have of the town in the future?**

*Marion:* I think there could be changes. I'd like to see more small businesses. I would very much like to see sidewalks on Main Street so that people could walk without fear of traffic. I think the town could support more business. I've had a good life. I like living in a small town where people know one another and you know that you can call on a neighbor when you need help.

*Harriet:* I wouldn't change much. I think that I'm lucky to have spent my life here. I would like to see some senior housing so that people wouldn't have to move away when they aged. Sidewalks would be a nice change. It would be nice to have more business on Main Street and Bradford less of a bedroom community.

**Pediatric Care...Did you know?**

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice began to care for children in 1977 when funding became available to do home visits for newborns and to develop well child clinics for children birth to age 6 as a way to support uninsured families who might not otherwise seek medical exams and immunizations.

Over the years the clinics grew to serve over 300 families and were held several times each month. Services also included dental care, hearing and vision screening and our "Parent Child Program", which has been running for more than 20 years! This program has supported countless parents and lovingly provided child care during meetings.

Over time the state developed a primary care physician model that they felt would better serve children and now Medicaid covers what the VNA used to do in clinic settings.

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VNA Staff are both teachers and skilled care givers to families, who are taught to use, and who benefit greatly from, the technology available to support their sick children. We are there also to provide reinforcement and reassurance, and always work closely with outside providers and local physicians as part of a team approach to home medical care.

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## July Calendar

### Thurs. July 2

9:30AM - Foot Massage call Betty Perron 938-2104 for appointment  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining Independence Day  
 BBQ Picnic Reservations Requested!  
 3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

### Fri. July 3

Closed for the July 4th Holiday  
 5:00 -7:00 P.M. Bradford Parks & Recreation  
 Annual Beef Roast Dinner.  
 9:00 PM - Lake Massasecum Flare Night

### Sat. July 4

8:00 AM-2:00 PM – Book Sale, BML  
 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Red Cross Bloodmobile  
 10:00 am – 2:00 PM OPEN HOUSE New  
 Highway Garage – Cilley Lane

### Mon. July 6

10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
 10:30 AM - Noon Yoga with Fran  
 1:00 PM – Bridge Group

### Tues. July 7

9AM –12 Noon Hearing Clinic  
 10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining with July Birthday  
 celebration of cake and ice cream  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class –call Fran at 456-3099 for  
 information

### Wed. July 8

4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center –  
 Committee Meeting

### Thurs. July 9

11AM to 1PM - Foot Care Clinic Call 526-4077  
 for appointment  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

### Fri. July 10

9:30 AM– 11:30 Foot Care Clinic by LSRVNA -  
 Warner Senior Room  
 7 PM – Book-to-Movie, *One Thousand Years of  
 Good Prayers*, BML  
 4:00-6:30 PM – Game Night – all ages welcome

### Sat. July 11

9:00 AM - Lake Massasecum Improvement  
 Association Annual Meeting @ The Casino  
 9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group  
 11 AM – Summer Reading Program, BML

### Sun. July 12

11:00 AM -1:00 PM Quilting Demonstration  
 BML

### Mon. July 13

8:30 AM – Nature’s Circle Summer Day Camp –  
 starts first week  
 10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
 10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group –  
 7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

### Tues. July 14

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for  
 information  
 7:00 PM – Lake Todd Village District – meeting  
 with speaker

### Thurs. July 16

10:30AM –12Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by  
 Lake Sunapee Region VNA  
 12 Noon Senior Dining - informative session on  
 ServiceLink with Wayne Blanchard  
 3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

### Fri. July 17

10:30 Friday at the Movies “Last Chance Harvey”  
 5:30 – 8:00 PM 4-H Fishing Program  
 7:30 - Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center  
 Meetinghouse

### Sat. July 18

10 AM - 2 PM 4- H Fishing Program  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon – Bradford Barter meeting  
 11 AM – Summer Reading Program, BML  
 7:30 - Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center  
 Meetinghouse

### Mon. July 20

8:30 AM – Nature’s Circle Summer Day Camp –  
 starts second week  
 10:00 AM - Kumihimo followed by a picnic bag  
 lunch  
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
 1:30 PM – Swim Lessons Begin – at French’s  
 Park

### Tues. July 21

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart  
 12 Noon Senior Dining  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### Wed. July 22

10:30AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic  
 LSRVNA at Warner Senior Room  
 7:00 PM – “Memories of Massasecum” BHS –  
 call 938- 5386 for directions

## July Calendar

### Thurs. June 23

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market  
4:00-7:30 PM – Movie Night – popcorn and drinks – donations welcomed

### Fri. July 24

7 PM – International Movie (India), BML

### Sat. July 25

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group  
11 AM – Summer Reading Program, BML

### Mon. July 27

10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

### Tues. July 28

10:00 AM - Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon Senior Dining - food safety and eating well with Beatrice Trum Hunter  
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### Wed. July 29

7:45 AM - Leave from Warner - Isle of Shoals Trip

### Thurs. July 30

12 Noon Senior Dining  
3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market



All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

**BML**- Brown Memorial Library  
**FGC**- Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive  
**KAP**-Kearsarge Area Preschool  
**KRES**-Bradford Elementary School  
**MVSC** -Mountain View Senior Center  
**TH** - Bradford Town Hall  
**ZBA**-Zoning Board of Adjustment

## Ongoing Events

**CHILDREN’S STORYTIME** - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM. BML  
**CEMETERY COMMISSION** - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML  
**FISH & GAME CLUB** - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC  
**FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH** - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386  
**LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING** - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML  
**PLANNING BOARD** - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL  
**RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION** - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC  
**SELECTMEN’S MEETING** - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 5:30 PM - TOWN HALL  
**ZONING BOARD** - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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## Planning Board Notes

**Modified Site Plan** - Skip McKean presented an application for a modification to the Ayer & Goss site plan for the property on Route 114 to add a second 30,000 gallon above ground propane storage tank. Mr. McKean advised there will be an increase in standards for a push button shut off. A letter from Fire Chief Mark Goldberg was read into the record. The Board voted to approve the modification with the condition that the site plan be revised to show all changes on one sheet.

**Boundary Adjustment** Dave Eckman of Eckman Engineering presented an application on behalf of Juanita Battles, Edward Erickson and Douglas Jackson for a boundary adjustment that would move 0.58 acres from the 51 acre parcel owned by Battles and Edwards to the 5 acre parcel owned by Jackson. This was described as a convenience for Jackson to improve the smaller lot. The application was approved with conditions requiring deed descriptions and signatures as needed.

**Conceptual Consultation** – Lumber Barn representatives – Co-owner Doug Webb, Manager Steve Pitman, and sign maker Clark Roberg discussed re-designing the existing non-conforming sign for the business located on Route 114. The Board discussed the current sign requirements, including external illumination. The first stage would be re-painting the sign to which Board members agreed. It was suggested that a Site Plan Revision, which does not require a public hearing, be submitted for the Planning Board meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Gravel Pit** – Harriet Hobbs, representing Corsair Realty owner of a gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road, responded to a letter from the Board advising her that the pit qualified as “abandoned” under the terms of state statute and local regulations since there had been no commercial use for a period of two years. Ms. Hobbs stated that she intends to file an application to re-open the property as an active gravel pit. The Board scheduled a conceptual consultation for July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Subdivision** – Mark Brunnel and Scott Bussiere, developers of Ledgeswood Pines on Old Warner Road, presented a request for a 3 month extension of the deadline to complete the conditions of approval for the subdivision. Further discussion ensued regarding the road bond. They were advised that the only alternative to posting the required bond would be to complete the work prior to receiving final approval. That would involve a change in the conditions of approval, requiring a public hearing. The extension was granted to September 8, 2009.

**Sidewalks** – Town Administrator Cheryl Behr apprised the Board of plans to submit a grant to construct sidewalks in the Main Street area. The Board voted unanimously to support the project and agreed to write a letter of support to be sent with the initial letter of intent due July 2.

**Sign Ordinance** – The Board continued work on sign ordinance to be presented to voters for approval at the March Town Meeting.

**Minutes of all Planning Board Meetings are on file at the Town Hall.**



## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Don't miss our book sale on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 2pm. The library will be closed due to the holiday. Please enter at Church Street for the sale. Look for the library entry in the Independence Day Parade! Take note that this month's movies are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. The dates will revert to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August. Friday, July 10 at 7pm we compare the short story "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers" by Yiyun Li with the movie adaptation. In August we will compare the movie & book of *Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim. The International Movie series continues with a movie from India on Friday, July 24 at 7pm. August's movie is a German/Turkish production.

The Summer Reading Program begins on Saturday, July 11 at 11am and continues at the same time on July 18, 25 and August 1. The program is geared for children entering K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Our goal is to encourage a passion for reading and have fun in the process. We hope to see you there!

The library staff and trustees would like to thank Sarah Chaffee for her care of our attractive, much admired garden. The Friends of the Library annually provide funds for the plants in our two containers. You may have noticed the stylish new book bags around town...

Brown Memorial Library book bags are available for sale at the library. Adult bag \$20, Child's bag \$5. All proceeds from sale of the bags will benefit the library. Thank you to Susie Janicki for her design savvy and thanks to the Friends of the Library for supporting this fundraiser. New books added to your library in June:

### For adults

- Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin
- Summer on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber
- Road Dogs* by Elmore Leonard
- The Vagrants* by Yiyun Li
- The Middle Place* by Kelly Corrigan

### For children

- Miranda's Beach Day* by Holly Keller
- Sergio Saves the Game* by Edel Rodriguez
- Oath Breaker* by Michelle Paver
- The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan



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## Obituaries

### Patricia Marsh-Thorell

Auburn: Patricia I Marsh-Thorell, 69, of Auburn, died peacefully June 21, 2009, at her residence. She was born in Queens, NY, the daughter of Robert and Amy (Irwin) Clark and had resided in Auburn for the past 24 years. She also wintered in Stuart, Florida the past four years.

Pat graduated from Andrew Jackson HS and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, earning a Bachelor degree from New England College. She worked as a school nurse for the Timberlane and Kearsarge school districts. She was a member of the Granite State Cloggers demonstration team and enjoyed tap dancing.

Pat was an ambassador to the Mt. Sunapee Ski Area, Past President of the Auburn Fire Association, Past President of the New Hampshire Nurses' Association and was named New Hampshire School Nurse of the year in 1995.

She leaves her husband of 16 years, George Thorell of Auburn, a daughter, Kimberly Olsen of Loudon, a son, Andrew Marsh of Lawrence, Massachusetts, six step-children and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Pat's memory, to the Lance Armstrong Foundation National Mail Processing Center, P0 Box 6003 Albert Lea, Minn., 56007-6603.

### Forrest Craigie

Forrest "Mal" Craigie, 81, of Morse Hill Road in Newbury, died May 27, 2009, in New London. He was born in Bradford on March 3, 1928, the son of Forrest and Effie (Merrill) Craigie. He graduated from Dover High School and then returned to Bradford. Mal served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. For several years he worked as a mechanic for Jim Gunscheon's

Garage in Bradford. He also worked for Merrimack County Telephone Co. and then for many years, he was employed by the New Hampshire Highway Department, retiring in 1984 because of Parkinson's disease. He was a 50-plus-year member of St. Peter's Lodge 31 F & AM of Bradford. Mal enjoyed golfing, bowling and watching sports. He was predeceased by two children, F. Millard Craigie Jr. and Barbara Ann Craigie; a brother, Gordon Craigie; and two sisters, Virginia Newell and Arlene Jordan.

Members of his family surviving include his wife, Betty (Rich) Craigie of Newbury; a son, Steven Craigie of Rochester; a daughter, Wanda Jean Johnson of Chino Valley, AZ; two stepsons, David Smith of South Newbury and Gary Smith of Charlestown; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a sister, Mildred Moran of Wyomissing, PA; nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, with Masonic services conducted by St. Peter's Lodge. Memorial contributions may be made to Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS), P.O. Box 291, Bradford 03221.

### Carol N. (Stowell) Stetson

Carol N. (Stowell) Stetson, 65, of Etna Road, died Friday, June 19, 2009 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. She was born in Lebanon, NH on March 17, 1944 the daughter of Leon C. and Nellie (Eliot) Stowell. She lived in Springfield, NH for many years before moving to Bradford, NH and then to Lebanon, NH five years ago. Over the years Carol had worked for Twin Lake Villa, Pastries Plus and the Marriott Food Service at Colby-Sawyer College. She retired about 10 years ago from New England College in Henniker where she had been in the custodial department for about 10 years.

Carol enjoyed knitting, reading, and sewing. She was easy to get along with and was a very social person. She was predeceased by her parents and a sister, Sharon Cheney. She is survived by two sons, Leroy Stetson of N. Hartland, VT and James Stetson of Newport, NH; two daughters, Laurie Hemphill of Bradford, NH and Lynn M. Davis of Bentonville, AR; three grandchildren, Morgan, Melissa, and Morgan Rose; and one nephew. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in Pleasant View Cemetery, Springfield, NH. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 249 Canal Street, Manchester, NH 03101. To sign an online guestbook please visit [www.chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com).

### Carl Ingalls Jr.

Bartonsville, Pa. — Carl Ingalls Jr., 72, of Bartonsville, Pa., died Saturday, May 16, 2009.

He was born March 27, 1937, in Bradford, N.H. Surviving family includes his wife, Debra Ziegafus of Bartonsville, Pa.; his sons, Carl Ingalls III and Michael Ingalls, both of Claremont, N.H.; daughters, Chaunee Baker of Newport, N.H., Carla Amos of Claremont, N.H., Tina Baldwin of Charlestown, N.H., and Denice Melchlor of Sailorsburg, Pa.; stepdaughters, Dawn Herder of Neola, Pa., and Holly Enz of Dallas, Pa.; four brothers, Walter Ingalls of Arizona, Wallace Ingalls of Supply, N.C., and Ralph Ingalls and Harold Ingalls of Charlestown, N.H.; three sisters, Isabell Blanchard and Helen Hersey of Supply, N.C., and Emma Morrill of Rutland, Vt.; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Carl Ingalls Sr. and Mable (Dyer) Ingalls of Bradford, N.H. A graveside service was held Saturday, June 20, at Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford, N.H.

**Rescue Squad Receives Grant**

Last February a partnership was formed between the NH Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, the NH Association of EMT's and BoundTree Medical in an effort to enhance educational efforts surrounding the implementation of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) programs as well as increase the number of machines available to the pre-hospital community. A successful educational program was held, despite a weather delay. As well a grant program specifically for the placement of new CPAP devices was launched. Last week the awards were made for this round of CPAP devices.

The Bradford Rescue Squad Rescue is the recipient of an equipment grant, which will save the squad (and town) about \$2,000 on equipment that must be purchased next year.



**Town of Bradford Scholarship:**



*Dawn Rich, a member of the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, receives a check for \$500.00 from Robert Stewart, Sr., Treasurer, and Laura Hallahan, President of the Bradford Business Association. The scholarship fund was created in 1961 to provide scholarships to young Bradford students who are furthering their education. The Bradford Business Association membership has donated to the fund annually.*

### CORNERSTONE - Town Hall



Built in 1797 and '98 in the geographical center of Bradford on Rowe Mountain Road, the Town Hall was a Meeting House, built with two porches. The different religious denominations paid a portion of the support according to the valuations and membership. A door handle made by early settler Richard Cressy was embossed with two angels and the inscription "While Truth and Benevolence reign within, the angels keep the door." This is still in the Cressy family.

When the Baptists built their church in 1830 and the Congregationalists in 1838, the building reverted to town use. By the early 1820's improved roads were connecting Bradford to other towns, mills were being built along the Warner River, and the railroad worked its way through the more level part of town. Several years of discussion about moving the Meeting House to the growing business area concluded in 1863 by dismantling the building and moving it to its present location on land donated by Esquire Mason Tappan.

It was rebuilt as two stories, the lower floor for classrooms and the upstairs as the town hall. The classrooms were used until 1937 and as a kindergarten and pre-school until the Community Center was refinished.. There is still a charred mark on the floor from a stove

The upstairs saw many years of town meetings and entertainments of all types: plays, lectures, club meetings, movies, dances, dance lessons, basketball. A photo of one of the teams (they were the Braves and the Squaws) shows them posed near the stage area with a "Ladies" sign behind them. During physical activities, the stove and stovetops were avoided with care.

In back, the town shed housed Susie, the all purpose town tractor. Through the years, each town report lists monies appropriated to improve or refurbish the building. In 1916, a porte cochere was added to the front entrance and removed in the 1950's. In 1873 the town voted to build a gallery on the north end, in 1906 an addition including the stage area, 1911 seats to be purchased for 200 people. In 1920, the selectmen's room was enlarged, in 1945 a basement was built. The Town Hall was placed on the Historic Register in 1980 and in 1997 a 200th birthday party as held, attended by teachers, students, municipal officials, and citizens.

Presently upstairs are portraits of some noted Town Citizens, and the desk used at the Suffolk County superior court while Judge Brackett, Justice of the Municipal Court of Boston sat. He was a descendant of early settler John Brown.

Over the years, efforts by the town, many individuals, and at least three town hall restoration committees have valiantly tried to keep the 200+ years old building up to code, comfort, and convenience. Stay tuned for the next stage of this ongoing project.

# First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley



**Thursday Bible Study:** On Thursday, July 2 and July 9 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a study of the Book of Ephesians in the church office building.

**Summer Fair:** Our summer fair will be held Saturday, July 4 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m in conjunction with Bradford's town-wide Independence Day celebration. There will be a hand-made quilt raffle, silent auction, and lots of outside vendors. There will be a Kid's Fun Run at 10:30 a.m. and a children's activities booth from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Family entertainment with a magic show at 11:00 a.m. Musical entertainment, coffee and baked goods, luncheon booth, ice cream sundaes, huge white elephant barn sale, antiques and collectibles, children's toys, crafts, jewelry, books and plants.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry will be open Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Focus Factor:** Youth will meet on the following evenings: Friday, July 3, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Bible challenges and final preparations for July 4th celebration); Friday, July 10, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (games, relays and more); Friday, July 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (bring a friend night —contest for the most friends); Friday, July 24, 6:00- 7:30 p.m. (Ice Cream Sundae Party); Friday, July 31 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Movie Night)

## Bradford Police Log

5/1/09-5/31/09

Service Calls

Burglary	1
Assault - Criminal threatening	1
Fraud - Bad check	1
Harrasment	1
Motor vehicle crash	1
MV-citation Speed	1
MV - Warning	96
MV - Complaint	2
Town Ordinances	2
Parking Violations	1
Youth Violations	1
Business Check	101
Vacant House Ck	1
Alarm-Public Bldg	1
Ambulance	3
Assist - Citizen	3
Assist _ Fire	2
Assist - Police	8
Assist-Public Wor	1
Animal - Nuisance	1
Animal-Livestock Complaint	1
Dog - At Large	4
Fingerprinting for Volunteer Service	1
Civil Standby	3
Directed Patrol	6
MV - Lockout	1
Property - Loss	3
Property - Safekeeping	1
Suspicious Person/ Vehicle	3
Police Information	7
Paperwork Service	2
911 - Hangup	1
Follow up Investigation	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>



## Free Fishing Course



Let's Go Fishing Course - Offered by the N.H. Fish & Game Department, Friday 7/17 5:30 - 8 PM and Saturday 7/18 10 AM - 2 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center. Learn about basic equipment, fish ecology, responsible outdoor behavior, knot tying, fish identification, care of the catch, casting techniques and safety.

The is part of N.H. Fish & Game Department's Aquatic Resources Education Program. It is designed to teach youth and adults about basic fishing. An adult should accompany all children and adults are encouraged to bring a child. Please RSVP to Marie Hasey, 938 - 5538



### Blacksmith and Woodworking Museum

After a year in planning for the museum to display tools used by area craftspeople, the frame was raised Saturday, June 13th. A volunteer force of local men physically pounded, fitted, pulled, sweated, steadied, and climbed, setting the framework up on the front Marshall property - in under four hours. Coordinating the project is John Mock, former owner of the Lumber Barn, with precutting help from Perry Teele and technical direction and assistance by Kyle Whitehead. In a choreography of workmanship, a crane from Prospect Hill of Sunapee did some of the heavy lifting. The Lumber Barn, helped by Bradford Historical Society members, grilled lunch for workers and onlookers. Professional photographers were present, and the Bradford ambulance and Fire and Rescue squads were available. It was an exciting event, and most exciting was the tremendous volunteer effort of time, labor, and help by so many people. The work will proceed until the Museum is complete and the old tools and equipment in place with demonstrations scheduled.

**Special Note:** Chef John Mock will supervise preparation of chicken barbecue with all the fixings to be served at Brown-Shattuck Field starting at 5:00 PM on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to the Bradford Historical Society.



*The engineers confer*



*Much hand work.....*



*with some help from machinery*



*The Crew*

*Photos by Sandy Wadlington*

## Selectmen's Highlights

**Community Center:** Director Kate Dobrowski and Dawn Rich reported that all but 4 of the planned 60 spaces are filled for Nature Circle Camp. This ensures that the camp can proceed. The Friends of the BACC have offered up to \$1500 in scholarships for children that need assistance in order to attend.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector Susan Pehrson** updated the Selectmen on the effect of the change in hours. The public has complained about the office being closed on Fridays. Many people are paid on Thursdays and now cannot conduct business with the town on Friday. Some residents are traveling to neighboring towns to process registrations – car and boat, and to apply for fishing and marriage licenses. This costs the town revenue from these services. During tax time accounts must be posted on the computer before deposits can be made. The work now must be done while the “window” is not open – off-time when the office is closed.

Selectmen requested that a letter be written requesting surrounding towns not to honor Bradford's registrations. Town Clerk Pehrson said she would notify them. Selectmen decided to leave the open hours as is for now.

**Highway Department:** Road Agent Steve Lucier updated the Selectmen on progress at the Highway Garage. There are a few unfinished items – the chimney, painting of beams, replacement of a door to meet fire rating. Completion is expected by the end of June. An Open House is

planned for the new garage on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Selectmen plan on taking turns being there.

Selectman Charles Meany and Steve Lucier will meet with geotechnical engineer Harry Weatherbee who will do analysis of sand deposits at various town locations. This will help to determine the best placement for the salt shed.

**Recycling:** Solid Waste Advisory Committee members Marcia Keller and Bindy Glennie presented a proposed fee schedule for deposit of bulk waste items at the transfer station. Selectmen approved the schedule and authorized funds for purchase of a sign that will clearly state the fees. The cost of the sign will come from the Recycling Revolving Fund. Residents can pay for bulk waste deposits either with coupons obtainable at the town hall or by check at the Transfer Station. Copies of the fee schedule will be available at both locations.

Selectmen signed the necessary papers to apply for a grant to replace a baler that does not work adequately.

**Rescue Squad:** Money has started to come in from insurance companies from ambulance billing. This will be applied toward Rescue Squad expenses.

**Town Hall Abutor:** William Starr III talked with the Selectmen following a survey that locates the town property line closer to his home (west of the town hall) than anyone had realized. The land in question involves both a screen

house that was described as part of the property he purchased it and the driveway that provides access to the house. The survey was done to establish the extent of the town property that could be used for future renovations. Selectmen Charles Meany advised they will look into reconfiguration of the driveway with the possibility of some land being offered for Mr. Starr to purchase.

**Sidewalks:** At a special meeting, Town Administrator Cheryl Behr outlined the proposal to submit a grant to construct sidewalks in town. A letter on intent would be filed by July 2<sup>nd</sup> with a September 15<sup>th</sup> date for the application for Traffic Enhancement (TE) funds to begin planning and phase one – East Main Street from Route 103 to Route 114.

One method of paying for this work involves establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Selectmen voted to spend \$2500 from available funds to prepare for the TIF and to hold a special town meeting (probably in September) to ask voters to approve the District. Detailed information concerning the TIF and its impact on and value to the community will be forthcoming as the planning process proceeds.

It was pointed out that one concern in Bradford is that the Community Center is the evacuation site for the elementary school, which means children would have to be walked down Main Street. There are also two pre-schools at each end of Main Street that walk children to the library.

**Police Department:** The Chief of Police advised that there is a grant available to pay for an additional officer. The due date for the application is June 30, 2009.

**Assignments:** Following a non-public session, Selectmen announced that Selectman Jack Meaney will oversee the Highway Department, Selectmen Charles Meany will oversee the Building Department, and Trudy Willett will work on residential buildings as Building Inspector and assist on Commercial Inspections, and be compensated accordingly.

*Minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall and on the town website [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

**Assessor's Hours at Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen have arranged to have regular hours for an assessor at the town hall the second Thursday of each month. Those interested should call the selectmen's office 938-5900 ext. 1 and speak with Trudy for an appointment.

*Dockside Hair Design has moved to Bradford!*



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**This is Our Town**

With this issue, the Bridge begins a new series to introduce the many boards and committees that keep our town running. The focus will be, initially, on the elected officials starting with the Board of Selectmen. Future issues will cover planning board, zoning board of adjustment, conservation commission, budget committee, parks & recreation committee, and others as time and interest permit. If there is a particular group you would like to read about, let any member of the Bridge Board know.

**The Board of Selectmen** functions as the town's executive branch and as agents to carry out the actions taken at town meeting (the legislative branch of town government). The selectmen manage "the prudential affairs" of the town, which means filling in the details that carry out town

meeting votes. For instance, if town meeting appropriates funds for a specific purpose, the selectmen spend it. If town meeting votes to sell a piece of land, it is the selectmen who sign the deed.

Many of the other tasks that face this board each day are detailed in the minutes of selectmen's meetings. Although technically volunteers, selectmen are reimbursed for their time, receiving \$3,000 each per year.

The three current members of the Bradford Board of Selectmen are Charles Meany, Peter Fenton, and Jack Meaney. They meet at 5:30 on the first and third Tuesday of each month and can be contacted by calling the Selectmen's Office at 938-5900.

**Notes from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office has new hours. As of May 1, 2009, the office is open to the public on Mondays from Noon to 7:00 P.M. and Tuesday 7:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., and 12:30 P. M. to 5:00 P.M. only. These are the ONLY hours the window is open. I encourage those of you who can to take advantage of the mail-in option for most of your business needs.

Tax bills can be paid through the mail and if a receipt is desired please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. Without the SASE I cannot return a stamped receipt to you.

Registration renewals can also be processed through the mail. If you registered your vehicle in town previously, you will have received notice that your

registration is lapsing and needs to be renewed. Please do not deduct any fees from the amounts listed on the notice. Under no circumstances are you to go to another town or to the Registry of Motor Vehicles as they are not able to process the renewal for you. This must be done in the Town of Bradford.

Transfers and New Vehicles must still be done in person at the office, as well as Hunting & Fishing Licenses, ATV/ Snowmobile Permits, Marriage Licenses, Vital Records Copies, and late Dog Licenses.

Susan Pehrson Town Clerk/Tax Collector

### A Culinarian's Column *by Caryl Walker*

Fourth of July, red white, and blue = Strawberry, Whipped Cream, and Blueberry Pie. This is a combination creation of two pie recipes and my version of a Chantilly cream layer. I love the pie crust recipe—three ingredients, pressed-in, and crisp like a sugar cookie. The most time-consuming part of making this pie is the chill-time between layers!

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Yield: 10-inch pie

#### Crust:

1 cup (heaping) flour      3 ½ tablespoons confectioner's sugar      ½ cup butter

Blend flour, confectioner's sugar, and butter together; press into pie tin with fingers; and bake at 350° F. until slightly brown, about 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

#### Blueberry Layer:

3 cups fresh blueberries      ¾ cup water      ¾ cup sugar  
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons corn starch      Juice of ½ small lemon

Boil ☐ cup blueberries with ☐ cup water and sugar. Stir cornstarch and ☐ cup ☐☐☐☐ water to make a smooth paste. Incorporate cornstarch mixture into blueberry mixture. Stirring constantly, bring mixture to a boil. Boil until thick and transparent. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice. Place remaining blueberries in a medium bowl. Pour hot blueberry mixture over blueberries and stir gently to mix. Chill. Spread blueberry mixture as bottom layer in cooked and cooled crust. Refrigerate for an hour to set.

#### Chantilly Cream Layer:

4 ounces Neufchatel cream cheese, at room temperature      ¾ cup whipping cream, cold  
2 tablespoons sugar      1 teaspoon vanilla

Whip cream cheese in a medium bowl until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, whip cream to soft peaks. Add sugar and vanilla and whip to incorporate. Fold cream cheese into whipped cream mixture. Pour mixture over blueberry layer and let chill until set.

#### Strawberry Layer:

3 cups fresh strawberries, hulled      2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons corn starch      ¾ cup sugar

Stand half the berries on the whipped cream layer (try to keep the berries the same size). In a saucepan, place the remaining berries, ☐☐☐☐☐, sugar, and corn starch and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil until thick and clear. Cool slightly. Pour over berries on pie. Refrigerate and allow to set.

#### Notes:

1. To make the crust, blend the cornstarch and sugar together first to make a homogenous mixture. Use the back of a wooden spoon to blend the cornstarch, sugar, and butter together.

2. When folding in a lighter mixture into a heavier mixture, beat about ¼ of the ☐☐☐☐☐☐ mixture (the whipped cream) into the ☐☐☐☐☐☐ mixture (the cream cheese). Then, place the remainder of the ☐☐☐☐☐☐ mixture (the cream cheese) on top of the ☐☐☐☐☐☐ mixture (the whipped cream). Then, fold.

Enjoy! Happy Fourth of July!

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## Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

The family of Jackye MacLeod would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for the sympathy, support and kindness shown to us during the time of our grief.

Dick MacLeod & Family

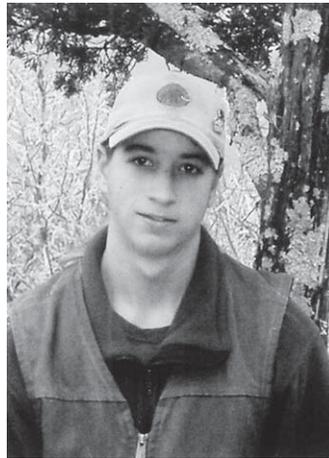
To the Editor

My wife and I would like to thank the Bradford Rescue squad and staff at the Bradford Junction during a recent visit by my mother. She is 93 and was making her first trip to the USA from England when she became ill. Both the restaurant staff and rescue personnel were very kind and acted in an easy going, pleasant, and professional manner. My mother was stabilized and made a quick recovery. Again thanks to all involved.

Keith Mackellow  
Bradford



## KRHS Grads Saluted



*Wales Carter*



*Jeffrey Wilson*

Bradford takes special pride in saluting two of the top students in the Kearsarge Regional High School Class of 2009. Wales Carter and Jeffrey Wilson began their Kearsarge careers in first grade at KRES-Bradford and continued through to graduation. Fifth grade teacher Kristin Lee remembers the fifth grad class that year as an especially great class. She said, "They were strong academically and a very positive group of kids. The Bradford school community is very proud of them."

Carter, Wilson and co-valedictorian Abigail Franklin have been accepted at Dartmouth College for the coming year. The Bridge joins Bradford residents and the entire Kearsarge community in congratulating all the graduates of the Class of 2009.



Christopher Robert German, son of Sue (Stewart) and George German, Kittery, Maine and grandson of Addy and Bob Stewart, Bradford, NH, completed his Masters in Clinical Health Sciences at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida in December, 2008. Christopher is currently working as a Certified Physician's Assistant with Danbury Orthopedics in Danbury, Connecticut.

Bethany Sara German, daughter of Sue (Stewart) and George German, Kittery, Maine and granddaughter of Addy and Bob Stewart of Bradford, NH, graduated from Albright College in Reading, Pa. with a BS in Business Management and Communications on May 24, 2009.

Brake for Moose



Two moose took a leisurely stroll through the Pinard family's back yard Saturday morning June 20th around 5:30am. They came from the vicinity of Main Street, crossed a stone wall and walked through the back yard. They then headed down Church Street where, after observing the traffic on Route 103 for a bit, decided to take the Tillie Wheeler trail and headed off to parts unknown. Be on the lookout for moose on your travels in the area. *Photo credit: Jill Pinard*

Champions



*The Kearsarge Boys Championship Lacrosse Team taken on June 10, after winning the State Championship in Nashua that evening*

**Bradford Barter**

Watch for the Bradford Barter tractors (er, mini-tractors, OK so they're really ride-on lawn mowers) and walkers in the 4th of July Parade. We will be there with signs, handouts, and treats. The theme is "Gaining Traction in the Community". This will be the first public exhibition of the five-month-old group that is, in truth, 'gaining traction within the community'. Talk with members to learn how you too can share your skills and utilize the skills of others to the benefit of all. You'll recognize us by the loving handshake on our shirts.

For more info contact:  
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 or visit the website at:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/bradfordbarter/>



The Bradford Women's Club donated a dishwasher to the Bradford Area Community Center with the monies received from the Mother's Day Raffle. The dishwasher was purchased from the Lumber Barn which charged BWC cost price and Dave Pickman (pictured installing the dishwasher), Pickman & Son Plumbing, donated his time installing the dishwasher. A huge thank you to the surrounding community for all who contributed to the raffle, purchased tickets and helped with the purchase and installation of the dishwasher.

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## OUTSIDE by J. Ann Eldridge

The dogs hadn't been getting along. We were keeping a close eye on them, which is probably why at first we didn't notice the leeches. As we walked down the Alder Plains Road, our attention was on the pair as Dog #1 shot evil looks at Dog #2 who was snapping at the deerflies, oblivious to how hostile this might seem. The deerflies, oblivious to the canine issues, were desperately stalking us for that bit of protein needed to continue their breeding program.

We thought the road might be wet, and it was. We had parked just off County Road and had not walked far when we hit water. The Alder Plains Road was perhaps so named because when it was built, beaver had been extinct for a century or so in this state. This road crosses a broad expanse of poorly drained soil of the kind alder trees are partial to. The beaver were returned in the 1940s and have resumed their ancient ways, creating ponds where soils and geography permit. Now we faced a marsh bisected by a quarter mile strip of flooded road.

The day was hot and the dogs were happy to lead the way down the "road", churning up the silty bottom and making it impossible for us to see much of anything in the murky water. As the water reached our knees, an occasional dark shape would flash by close to the surface – a small fish, confused by the intrusion of our troop of four, darting for clearer waters. As the water deepened to mid-thigh, one broke the surface. Perhaps it was trying for one of the cloud of deerflies surrounding us. Large chalk-fronted corporal dragonflies and twelve-spotted skimmers chased the deerflies in expert aerial display, but didn't seem able to reduce their numbers.

As the road neared the woods on the far side of the marsh, the waters became shallow again and the dogs scrambled to the drier shoulder. At last, we could see clearly to the bottom. That's when we noticed the leeches...

They appeared by their attractive string of dorsal red diamonds to be the species *Macrobdella decora*, a name that rolls off the tongue as gracefully as this animal swims through the water. Though these were no more than three inches long, they can reach a length of eight inches. Like aquatic silly putty, the length and width seem infinitely flexible.

Most species of leeches go about their business stabbing smaller creatures with minute proboscises or swallowing them whole. The ones of our nightmares have large mouths with multiple concentric circles of teeth. I'm not sure what constitutes a brain, but leeches reportedly have 32 of them. *M. decora* also has five pairs of eyes.

There has been a resurgence of medicinal interest in leeches. By the late 1800's they had been so carelessly overused for almost any ailment that the favored variety had become virtually extinct in the wilds of Europe. Modern clinicians are interested in three clever strategies leeches use to get the maximum amount of blood from their prey. First, they are able to anesthetize their chosen dining area, so a victim will not feel them when they attach. Second, they are able to dilate blood vessels to increase the flow. Third, they secrete an anti-coagulant to keep the blood flowing. These characteristics show promise in restoring healing circulation to reconnected veins and joints.



This was not especially useful to us at this time.

After checking our appendages for passengers, we meandered on our way to the heron rookery further down the road and found it unoccupied that year. Edible chanterelles and many other kinds of mushrooms were noted along the way. The road beyond, leading to the East Washington Road was flooded also, and so we turned to retrace our route.

Ignorance is bliss. It is one thing to go wading through leech infested waters without realizing it. It's quite another to willfully return to those waters. We were no longer blissful, and now had visions of the leech scene from the *African Queen* with no salt on hand. Reentering the water for the wade to the car, we encountered a smallish northern water snake. Though they reportedly have a bellicose temperament if cornered, we were heartened to see it, since they will make a meal of a leech when possible.

After returning to the car and checking ourselves again for hangers-on, we decided to return another day to gather the chanterelles. Though next time we'll bring salt.

[This article first appeared in *The Bridge* in 2005]

## Transfer Station Notes

**Bradford's Town-wide Road Cleanup a Success:** Many bags of discarded trash were brought to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center on May 16<sup>th</sup> when Bradford conducted its town-wide roadside cleanup. Those who participated enjoyed the challenge of collecting record amounts of trash, the surprise of finding unusual discarded items, and the pride of participating in a successful community event.

Bill and Beth Thompson brought in a record number of bags, and some unusual items were included with the trash. Mary Hopwood cleans the roadsides where she walks.

Community Service workers participated, too, as they sorted through all of the trash and distributed the items to our various recycling areas. We appreciated their contributions, because it enabled us to devote our time and energy to directly helping the residents.

We thank Dunkin' Donuts again for providing refreshments to all of the residents who pitched in to beautify our town of Bradford. We will plant daffodils around Dunkin' Donuts in the fall as a springtime reminder of their support and generous participation.

We have bags available throughout the year for anyone who would like to clean up the roadsides as they walk along.

**Composting:** Composting is a viable way to turn discarded food into rich compost. Discarded food waste represents 23 % of household trash. Including food waste in our compactor trash increases the Town's costs (in both tonnage fees and hauling fees) to dispose of compactor contents. Composting food (at a distance from the house for the sake of yard pleasantness) can be a source of nutritious dirt for gardening and lawns. Adding worms to the compost area can enhance the production of high-quality dirt.

Many residents bring their woodstove and fireplace ash to the Transfer Station. We spread it around the Transfer Station grounds to help fertilize the lawn. At home, wood is used for heating; when the ash bucket is full, the ash is spread on top of the snow in the yard. The spring rains drive it deep into the lawn, bushes, trees, and vegetable and flower gardens, creating lush and healthy vegetation during the growing season. Instead of investing in expensive bags of fertilizer, spend a few moments each day or two spreading ash during the heating season.

Some residents bring their sheep wool and horse hair to the Transfer Station. Hair will compost and is an excellent source of slow-release nitrogen for plants. There was a report written about a woman who buries hair around her rose bushes and has won awards for her beautiful blooms.

—Kenneth Anderson, Manager

## Classifieds

Still new Oasis Hot/Cold water dispenser system \$150.00 Large round glass top patio table \$35.00 3 Plastic Adirondack style chairs \$10.00 each Call 513-280-6207 available to be seen on Lake Massasecum after July 3rd.

### YARD SALE

Many families participating Saturday July 11, 8 til noon Route 114, near "Books By The Lake" Furniture, post cards, and a bit of everything else

### Computer equipment available

- cheap! Thanks to a generous donation of 10 flat-screen monitors from BAE Systems, the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner has some old-style monitors to sell or donate to worthy causes. Two printers and Windows 98 computers are also available. If you are in need, please contact us.

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